GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2083
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2008
DEVELOPMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION OF HILL RESORTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposals/projects from the West Bengal and Assam Governments for development and beautification of State's hill resorts in the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Union Government is likely to be cleared these proposals/projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c): The development and promotion of tourism including beautification of hill resorts is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territories themselves. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories for grant of central financial assistance every year under the following schemes:

(i) Product /Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits

(ii) Large Revenue Generating projects

(iii) Fairs and festivals/ Events

(iv) Information Technology
Project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories that are complete in all respect are examined as per scheme guidelines and approved on the basis of inter-se priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head.

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned Tourism projects to the tune of Rs.4530.71 lakh and Rs.5549.42 lakh to the States of West Bengal and Assam respectively in the last three years. A list of the projects sanctioned is given at Annexure I. & II.

ANNEXURE I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2083 FOR 13.3.2008 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION OF HILL RESORTS
PROJECTS SANCTIONED TO THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL IN THE YEARS 2004-05, 2005-06 AND 2006-07

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No	Name of Project/Scheme sanctioned	Amount
	2004-05	
1.	Vishnupur Mela	5.00
2.	Goi-Undp endogenous project at village Ballabhpur Danga, District Birbhum	20.00
3.	Development of Village Sonada, District Darjeeling as a Rural Tourism Destination	50.00
4.	West Bengal Mahotsav 2004	10.00
5.	West Bengal Tourism Festival 2004	5.00
6.	Teesta &Tourism Festival	5.00
7	Goi-Undp endogenous project at Mukutmanipur in Bankura District	20.00
8.	Development of Rangbhang as a tourist spot (Near Mirik)	171.54
9.	Extension and Beautification of Rohini Lake at Rohini tourist complex, Kurseong	218.50
10.	Darjeeling Carnival 2004	8.00
	Total	513.04
	2005-06	
1.	Kalighat Re- Development project at Kolkata	500.00
2.	Development of Tourism at cooch Behar city	475.00

3. Celebration of West Bengal tourist festival in Feb.2006 4.35
4. Celebration of 18th vishnupur mela, 2005 (District Bankura) 5.00
5. Celebration of Mahotsav, 2005 Kolkata 5.00
Total 989.35

2006-07
1. Integrated Development of "Tea Tourism circuit" in North Bengal 715.85
2. Creation/Setting up tourism infrastructural facilities at Goke 355.49
3. Development of Beach Tourism circuit in Purba Medinipur district 598.02
4. Development of Eastern Dooars Tourism circuit in jalpaiguri district 683.58
Kharvela Festival, 2004-05
5. Setting up of a Night-Safari park Jorepokhari in Darjeeling 15.00
6. 19th Vishnupur Mela, 2006 5.00
7 Sharadotsav (Mahotsav),2006 7.00
8. Development of Kalimpong in the state of West Bengal 498.38
9. Village Antpur, District Hoogly 50.00
10. Development of Rural Tourism at Villlage Mukutmonipur, District 50.00
Bankura
11. Development of Rural Tourism at village Antpur, District Hoogly 50.00
Total 3028.32

ANNEXURE II

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2083 FOR 13.03.2008 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION OF HILL RESORTS
PROJECTS SANCTIONED TO THE STATE OF ASSAM IN THE YEARS 2004-05, 2005-06 AND 2006- 07

(Rs. in lakh)
S. Name of the Proposal Amount
No Sanctioned
2004-05
1. Development of Dehing Patkai Kshetra, distt Tinsukia as a rural 44.33
tourism destination
2. GOI-UNDP Endogenous Project at Village Sualkuchi, distt Kamrup 19.95
3. GOI-UNDP Endogenous Project at Village Durgapur, distt Golaghat 20.00
4. Development of Village Sualkuchi, distt Kamrup as a rural tourism 50.00
destination.
5 Tourist Arrival cum Reception Centre, Guwahati 384.00
6. Development of Tourism Circuit, Assam 437.75
7 Celebration of Kaziranga National Park and 3rd Elephant Festival 15.00

Total 971.03

2005-06

1. Development of Adventure Tourism in Kaziranga 44.95
2. Circuit development of Manas - Guwahati- Kaziranga 781.00
3. Ecotourism development at Kokrajhar 460.00
4. Development of NE circuit in Assam 280.00
5. IT project for Assam Tourism 47.80
6. Celebration of Rongali Bihu Festival 10.00
7 Celebration of Dehing Patkai Festival 5.00
8. Integrated development of Dhubri-Goalpara-Guwahati-Silchar-Karimganj 432.28
Tourism Circuit
9. Rural tourism project at Asharkandi, Dhubri 48.97
10. Kaziranga Festival 5.00
11. Tea Tourism Festival 5.00
12. Barak Valley Festival 5.00

Total 2125.00

2006-07

1. Construction of Kamakhya Pilgrim Centre in Assam. 80.00
2. Eco-Tourism Resort at Bhalukpong in Assam. 45.00
3. Development of internal road leading to Kaziranga National Park and 25.00
renovation of old Inspector Bungalow in the Park, Assam.
4. Upgradation of Tourist Lodge at Sibsagar in Assam. 15.00
5. Construction of Integrated Convention Centre and Wellness Centre in 454.28
the Compound of Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok, Guwahati under Integrated
Destination Development Scheme, Assam
6. Development of Kamakhya and Satellite Pilgrimage Township of Hajo, 436.54
Assam
7 Destination Development Sivasagar, Assam 369.05
8 Integrated Development of Tourism Circuit Orang-Tezpur-Bhalukpong- 798.00
Biswanath-Chariali-Gohpur circuit in Assam
9. Destination Development of Brahmaputra River Front and Cruise Vessel, 365.52
Assam.
10. Celebration of Rongali Bihu festival, 2007 10.00
11. Celebration of the Tea Tourism festival, 06 5.00

12. Celebration of Elephant Festival, 07 10.00
13. Celebration of Dehing Patkai Festival, 07 5.00
Total 2618.39

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